

1. The Plan gives policyholders more control over their fates, allowing each to elect the path best suited to his or her circumstances.
2. All policyholders will have at least one option for preserving their current coverage and at least one option for preserving their Current Premium.
3. Target premiums under the Plan take rate increase history and product differences into account, improving the equity of the premium rate structure. Generally, policyholders whose policies were issued in states that have approved comparatively more rate increases over preceding years will face lower premium increases or benefit reductions under the Plan.
4. It is important to note that Plan premium rate increases are not based on state of issue or state of residence. They are based exclusively on the characteristics of each individual policy, including the difference between Current Premium and If Knew Premium (in Phase One) or Self-sustaining Premiums (in Phase Two).
5. In every case, policyholders will have at least one option (Option Two) calibrated to provide outcomes no less favorable than liquidation, including applicable Guaranty Association benefits.
6. The revenue from rate increases under the Plan will go to pay claims and expenses of implementing the Plan whereas, in liquidation, Guaranty Association rate increases have historically been used to reduce assessment burdens for member insurers and not to increase the ability to pay claims.
7. Though certainly not guaranteed, the Plan structure inherently creates the possibility of greatly reducing, if not eliminating, the Company's deficit.

F. PLAN PROJECTIONS

The magnitude of SHIP's Funding Gap or deficit as of the Effective Date is difficult to predict because it is dependent on several changing circumstances over which the Rehabilitator has little or no control. However, the Rehabilitator believes that, depending on policyholder elections, Phase One of the Plan could greatly reduce, if not eliminate, the Funding Gap. Solely for purposes of directional guidance, the Rehabilitator has prepared some hypothetical results that could be expected from operation of the Plan. For purposes of these projections, it is assumed that SHIP's Funding Gap as of the Effective Date will be \$1.2 billion. It should be emphasized that these are hypothetical projections dependent on future events that may evolve in a manner different from the assumptions in the projections. Subject to these caveats, it is the belief of the Rehabilitator that the Plan would produce the following results:

1. If 100% of disabled SHIP LTC policyholders and 80% of active SHIP LTC policyholders elect Option Four (retaining the current policy benefits and paying the rate increases necessary to reach If Knew Premium), the Funding Gap will be reduced by about \$500

II.E.4.e, page 28. Again, for purposes of this determination “expected” consists of best estimate assumptions.

- d. **Allocable Assets** is a notional determination consisting of the Company’s invested assets less reserves for costs of administration, contingencies, and certain debts of higher priority. The **Asset/Premium Ratio** is the ratio of Allocable Assets to the aggregate Accumulated Premiums for all LTC policies. **Accumulated Premium** is the total Gross Premiums paid, and premiums waived, under a policy or group of policies from inception until the valuation date.
- e. **Allocated Assets** are the portion of the Company’s Allocable Assets notionally allocated to a particular policy in accordance with the terms of, and solely for the purposes of calculations described in, the Plan. Such asset allocations are nominal and do not give a policyholder a right to any Allocated Assets or any particular sum of money. The assets allocated to each policy equal the product of the policy’s Accumulated Premium times the Asset/Premium Ratio. This approach is designed to allocate assets equitably among policyholders solely for the purpose of calculating Phase Two premiums.

TABLE 1: ILLUSTRATION OF ASSET ALLOCATION		
1	Total Invested Assets	\$1,500,000,000
2	Reserve for Costs of Administration	-\$200,000,000
3	Contingencies	-\$10,000,000
4	Priority Debts	-\$50,000,000
5	Total Allocable Assets (L1 - (L2...L4))	\$1,240,000,000
6	Total Accumulated Premium	\$3,480,000,000
7	Asset/Premium Ratio (L5/L6)	35.63%
8	Accumulated Premium - Hypothetical Policy	\$50,000
9	Allocated Assets Hypothetical Active Policy (L7 X L8)	\$17,816

5. For policyholders on claim in Phase Two, the Self-sustaining Premium will be determined as if they were not on claim. For this purpose, assets will be allocated notionally to policies on claim as explained above.
6. Although this Plan Document assumes that in Phase Two determinations will be based on Self-sustaining Premiums, it is possible that, depending on the outcome of Phase One and other relevant considerations, in Phase Two the Plan will utilize an alternative premium

department of the opt-out state will make the rate increase determinations for those policies and the benefits under Plan provisions will be adjusted to correspond to the premium rates approved by the opt-out state. The Rehabilitator proposed this approach and it is now part of the Approved Rehabilitation Plan. Section VI.V, below at page 108, describes the basic elements of the mechanism for enabling states to make their own rate increases decisions within the context of the Plan. Note that, apart from the rate increase determinations, under this approach the policies issued in the opt-out state will still be administered by the Rehabilitator under the Plan so that the opt-out state will not have to provide that administration.

8. CONCLUSION

On balance, the Rehabilitator concluded that the best approach is the Plan as approved by the Court, with the component as described in alternative seven, above. Accordingly, the Approved Plan now includes the additional following section.

V. ISSUE-STATE RATE APPROVALS

This Section describes the issue-state rate approval alternative for states that object to the Rehabilitator and the Commonwealth Court modifying rates as part of the Plan for SHIP LTC policies issued in those states, and which elect to make their own determinations as to such rate increases themselves (*Opt-out States*).

While this Section was added to the Plan to accommodate that objection, the Rehabilitator makes an important observation. In order to reduce policyholder subsidization and overall burden, and in an effort to achieve the best result possible under the circumstances, the Rehabilitator has undertaken the development of a model that allows her to address each policy individually in a seriatim fashion. Most, if not all, material policyholder calculations under the Plan (including premium rate adjustments) are performed individually for each long-term care policy. As noted more fully below, if a state elects to make its own determination for the rates charged for the policies issued in that state in groups rather than individually, the result may be disadvantageous to many policyholders. In determining whether or not to “opt out” a state should consider carefully its ability to address the circumstances of each policy individually, as does the Rehabilitator. If a state is unable or unwilling to do this, it may want to evaluate whether the results of its premium rate increase decisions may prove to be inferior to those proposed by the Rehabilitator, all things considered.

1. SUMMARY

If the chief insurance regulator (“Commissioner”) of an issue-state formally advises the Rehabilitator that his or her state elects to “opt-out” of the rate increase component of the Approved Rehabilitation Plan, the Plan will not apply in the same way to the policies issued in that state (the *Opt-out Policies*). In that case, the Rehabilitator will file in the Opt-out State a premium rate increase request for the Opt-out Policies the Current Premiums of which are below If Knew

premiums. **Holders of Opt-out Policies with Current Premiums equal to or greater than If Knew Premium will be unaffected and will retain their current policies without modification.** The holders of the Opt-out Policies with Current Premium below If Knew Premium will not be able to elect from among the Plan options and will instead have the choices described below, determined by how the Opt-out State responds to the Rehabilitator's premium rate increase request.

THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION IS TO ENABLE STATES THAT OBJECT TO THE REHABILITATOR OR COMMONWEALTH COURT SETTING PREMIUM RATES UNDER THE PLAN WITHOUT THEIR APPROVAL TO REVIEW AND APPROVE (ENTIRELY OR PARTIALLY) OR DISAPPROVE THE PLAN'S PREMIUM RATES THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, THE EFFECTS OF A STATE "OPTING OUT" UNDER THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE A REDUCED NUMBER OF MEANINGFUL OPTIONS FOR AFFECTED POLICYHOLDERS AND SOME OF THOSE POLICYHOLDERS PAYING HIGHER PREMIUMS THAN THEY WOULD UNDER THE PLAN. IN ADDITION, SOME POLICYHOLDERS WHO DO NOT MAKE AN ELECTION MAY FACE INVOLUNTARY BENEFIT REDUCTIONS.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE DECISIONS OF OPT-OUT STATES WILL AFFECT POLICYHOLDERS RESIDING IN OTHER STATES WHOSE POLICIES HAD BEEN ISSUED IN THE OPT-OUT STATE. CONVERSELY, THOSE DECISIONS WILL NOT AFFECT POLICIES HELD BY RESIDENTS OF THE OPT-OUT STATES BUT ISSUED IN OTHER STATES.

2. OPT-OUT ELECTIONS

- a. In the next few weeks, the Rehabilitator will provide every state in which SHIP policies in force (and not in NFO status) have been issued the opportunity to opt out of the rate approval provisions of the Plan. Every state that has not by the specified deadline (the ***Opt-out Deadline***) communicated to the Rehabilitator an election to opt out will be deemed to have opted into the Plan and the rest of this Section will not apply to the policies issued in that state. The Rehabilitator will endeavor to provide states at least thirty (30) days to make the Opt-out Election. States may, but are not required to, affirmatively opt into the Plan. States that do not timely communicate an appropriate Opt-out Election to the Rehabilitator will be deemed to have opted into the Plan.
- b. The communication necessary to Opt Out (the ***Opt-out Election***) must be signed and sworn by the Commissioner, Director, Superintendent or other senior insurance regulatory official of the state. The communication need not take any particular form but must contain the following statement:

On behalf of the State [or Commonwealth] of [X], and in the exercise of my authority as [X]'s senior insurance regulatory official I hereby elect to withdraw from the premium rate increase approval provisions of the Rehabilitation Plan for Senior Health Insurance

Company of Pennsylvania (SHIP) all of the in force long-term care insurance policies currently held by SHIP and first issued by SHIP or its predecessors in [X]. I have read the Plan and understand the consequences of this election.

- c. The original signed and sworn Opt-out Election must be received by the Rehabilitator at the address specified no later than the Opt-out Deadline, but the Opt-out Election will be effective if an electronic form (including a facsimile) of the Opt-out Election is received by the Rehabilitator on or before the Opt-out Deadline and the original signed and sworn Opt-out Election is received by the Rehabilitator no later than ten days after the Opt-out Deadline. **It is recommended that states commence the evaluation of whether they want to opt out of the Plan as soon as possible so that they will have ample time to finalize and communicate their decision once they receive the opt-out election notice. The Rehabilitator will be pleased to answer any question that may assist a state in evaluating this matter. States have not been required to take any action under this Section before the Plan was approved.**
- d. The Rehabilitator will acknowledge every Opt-out Election in writing. An Opt-out Election sent in advance of the Opt-out Deadline may be canceled by the Opt-out State in a communication sent in the same manner and received by the Rehabilitator no later than the Opt-out Deadline so long as it contains the following language:

On behalf of State [or Commonwealth] of [X], and in the exercise of my authority as [X]'s senior insurance regulatory official, having first elected by communication dated [Opt-out Election date] to withdraw from the premium rate increase approval provisions of the Rehabilitation Plan for Senior Health Insurance Company of Pennsylvania (SHIP) as to all of the in force long-term care insurance policies currently held by SHIP and first issued by SHIP or its predecessors in [X], I hereby revoke the Opt-out Election. Accordingly, I request that all of the SHIP long-term care insurance policies issued in [X] be included in the premium rate increase approval provisions of SHIP's Rehabilitation Plan. I have read the Plan and understand the consequences of this revocation.

- e. Opt-out Elections may only be revoked after the Opt-out Deadline with the Rehabilitator's written consent. Generally, such consent will be provided unless the revocation will have an adverse effect on the Plan or opt-in policyholders.
- f. An Opt-out Election will be effective as to all Opt-out Policies the Current Premium of which is below If Knew Premium, even if the Opt-out State determines to approve

some (but not all) of the premium rate increases sought by the Rehabilitator from the Opt-out State. A STATE MAY NOT OPT OUT AS TO ONLY SOME OF SHIP'S POLICIES ISSUED IN THAT STATE.

PHASE ONE

3. PREMIUM RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

- a. Following receipt of a valid Opt-out Election, the Rehabilitator will file in each Opt-out State a request for approval of the full amount of actuarially justified rate increases (on an If Knew Premium basis) for the SHIP LTC policies issued in that state the Current Premium of which is below If Knew Premium. The rate increase application will be submitted on a seriatim basis (that is, policy-by-policy, not in the aggregate or by policy form), seeking a specific rate increase for each policy. No rate increases will be sought for Opt-out Policies the premiums of which are already equal to or above the If Knew Premium or which are on premium waiver (including those in NFO status). If an Opt-out State does not respond to the application for rate increases as to any policy within 60 days, the request as to that policy will be deemed denied. If an Opt-out State does not respond to the Rehabilitator's rate increase application within 60 days, the request will be deemed denied in its entirety. An Opt-out State may approve premium rate increases for Opt-out Policies in whatever amount it deems appropriate and the approved percentages may vary among the Opt-out Policies the Current Premium of which is below If Knew Premium. The Opt-out State's decision as to the requested rate increases will govern the choices available to the holders of Opt-out Policies the Current Premium of which is below If Knew Premium.
- b. If the Opt-out State timely approves the requested rate increases in full for all Opt-out Policies, it will be treated as if it had not opted out of the Plan, it will be deemed to be an ***Opt-in State***, and its policyholders will be included in the Plan just as those whose policies were issued in states that did not opt out (Opt-in States). If the Opt-out State does not timely approve the full rate increase sought by the Rehabilitator for all Opt-out Policies, all of the policies (including those on premium waiver) issued in that state the Current Premium (whether or not waived) of which is below If Knew Premium will be deemed Opt-out Policies subject to the following provisions.
- c. If the Opt-out State responds to the rate increase application in the aggregate or by group (such as by policy form) rather than seriatim (policy-by-policy), the Rehabilitator will apply the resulting increases on a policy-by-policy basis. Note that, for some policyholders, the state's approved rate might exceed the requested rate increase.